



Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office

Remains Recovery Operations in Palau

- In 2000 and 2001, Central Identification Laboratory – Hawaii (CILHI) conducted several investigations after Dr. Patrick Scannon of The BentProp Project and another researcher contacted them about research projects they had underway in Palau.
- Additional research following these investigations has led the Joint POW-Accounting Command (JPAC) to conduct the following recovery operations from January 15 – February 25, 2004:
 - MACR 8873: multiple burial site; Japanese Kempei executed and buried possibly three aircrew, seven civilians, and one British national;
 - BuNo 76471: F-4U Corsair with one unaccounted for; crashed 10 meters from shore at Malakal Harbor; and
 - BuNo 16956: Avenger with two unaccounted for.
- The recovery team has nine members.
- JPAC continues to identify additional cases requiring investigation that may be candidates for future recoveries.

